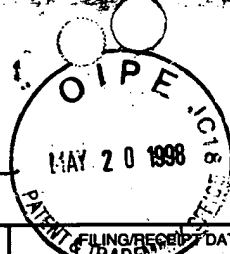


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- ☐ 1. The statutory basic filing fee is:
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- ☐ is missing or unexecuted.
 - ☐ does not cover the newly submitted items.
 - ☐ does not identify the application to which it applies.
 - ☐ does not include the city and state or foreign country of applicant's residence.
- An oath or declaration in compliance with 37 CFR 1.63, including residence information and identifying the application by the above Application Number and Filing Date is required.

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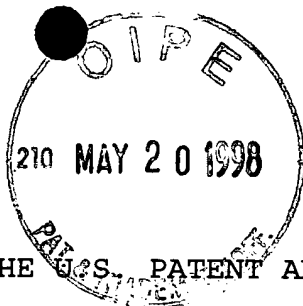
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Applicant wishes to advise the United States Patent and Trademark Office (USPTO) that a Declaration was filed on April 20, 1998, to perfect Applicant's filing requirements. The filing requirements were perfected prior to the receipt of the Notice to File Missing Parts (Form PTO-1533), a copy of which is attached hereto. As evidence of Applicant's previous submission of a Declaration in connection with the present application, Applicant encloses a copy of the postcard indicating receipt of the Declaration by the USPTO, and payment of the appropriate fees by the Applicant.

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